

Roman Catholic High School Boy's Soccer
301 N. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19107



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Dear Alumni:

On behalf of the Roman Catholic Soccer Program, I hope you and your family have had a wonderful summer! As we conclude our first week of the 2015 training camp, you'll be excited to know that our boys are working hard despite the soaring temperatures and we all are optimistic for a deep run through the Catholic League again this year. With that said, I wanted to take this time to update you on the upcoming season which kicks off with the annual SEPA High School Tournament at Parkwood Youth Organization on Saturday, August 29th.

As I always, I am energized and excited to return as the Head Soccer Coach for my ninth season. Additionally, Assistant Coach, **Jerry Brindisi** will return for his sixth season. Together, we've assembled a very talented staff of assistants that are responsible for everything from scouting to film study to player-coach-parent liaisons. Across the board and program wide, we have remained stable and consistent as Coach **Mike Biddle** returns to the sidelines with our JV squad. Mike's continued focus is that of developing players who are ready to compete at the varsity level. In addition, Mike will oversee our freshman team and work closely with Coaches **Sean Dugan** and **Mike Rector** as they prepare our young talent and introduce them to soccer at the high school level.

We encourage and always welcome a strong alumni and faculty presence at our matches. Players are always happiest when they look to the sidelines and see their school and community represented. Team captains from seasons past have done a great job in keeping our storied tradition alive and we appreciate their effort in playing it forward! Crisp fall evenings, some under stadium lights, what's not to enjoy? Call some classmates whom you haven't seen in awhile, pack a cooler, come on out and show the Power of Purple!

I have enclosed our 2015 schedule for your review and it's backed with our new, exciting Team Store information. Please note below however that we now utilize several locations for our home field(s):

***Philadelphia Soccer Club, PSC (primary) **Lighthouse Soccer Club, Roosevelt Boulevard & Southampton Rd.
***United German Hungarian (UGH) Club in Oakford, Pennsylvania.**

Calling all alumni! Please consider attending our **"Senior Night"** on Saturday, September 19, 2015 when the Cahillites tap off against Downingtown East, 7pm at Lighthouse Soccer Club. If you can't make that, get your game on by attending (or donating to) our **"Beef and Bowl"** fundraising event on October 10, 2015 at Thunderbird Lanes. It is an outstanding evening consisting of fabulous food, prizes and spent with parents and friends of our program. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year but, we need **YOU** to make it happen! Or... How about a night on the sidelines rooting on the Cahillites as we tackle the Crusaders of Father Judge in the PCL regular season finale? Bookmark Friday, October 16th for what could very well be for the bragging rights of the league! Lastly, we will again host an **"Alumni Game"** (odd year vs. even year format).at Shissler Recreation Center (Newt's). Strap on your shinnies and lace up the spikes for old time sake on November 7, 2015 at 2pm. Our post game get together will be at the Starboard Side Tavern, just a few short blocks away. It's always a great time to relive the glory days, maybe talk some trash and establish new friendships along the way!

For further information:

To learn more about our program or what's going on at **Roman Catholic HS**, visit: www.romancatholics.com

To access **Roman Catholic Soccer Program** directly, visit us at www.romancatholicsoccer.com

For **Roman Catholic Soccer Alumni** news and information (events, game results and standings) via email, please send me an email expressing your interest at: soccer@temple.edu

Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to seeing you this fall and **GO ROMAN!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond DeStephanis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R' and 'D'.

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